

REMARKS

This paper requests the entry of an amendment to the specification of the application. The amended paragraph revises the priority claim of the application to claim benefit of copending application U.S.S.N. 09/957,206.

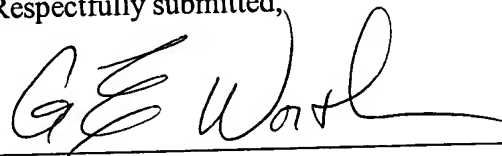
Claims 1-31 were initially presented in the parent application, U.S.S.N. 09/957,206. The Examiner subjected the parent application to a three-way restriction requirement. The claims allowed in the parent application correspond to Group I, original claims 1-17. The non-elected claims were directed to (II) a "urinary catheter" (claims 18-23 and 29-31), and (III) to a method (claims 24-28).

Applicant hereby cancels original claims 1-17 and 24-28. After entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 18-23 and 29-31 (corresponding to Group II), and new claims 32-34, will be pending in the application and are presented for consideration.

Applicant encloses a check to cover the fee for this new utility patent application. Applicant believes no additional fees are necessitated by this Preliminary Amendment. If any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

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